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SUBJECT: AEOI-NRC ARRANGEMENT ON NUCLEAR SAFETY MATTERS

REF: A. TEHRAN 2421; B. STATE 69648

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO GO AHEAD WITH PROOFREADING AND PREPARING FOR SIGNATURE THE SUBJECT ARRANGEMENT AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, AND AS DESCRIBED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. AS AGREED IN APRIL 5 LAFLEUR-FARZIN TELECONS, THE SIGNATURE TEXT IS TO BE THAT OF THE DRAFT OF MARCH 22, 1977, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FROM THAT TEXT:

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3. ITEM I - THE TITLE OF ITEM I SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT UNQUOTE.

4. ITEM II-2 - SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE AN ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE DESIGNATED BY EACH PARTY TO COORDINATE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE OVERALL EXCHANGE. THE ADMINISTRATORS SHALL BE THE RECIPIENTS OF ALL DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED UNDER

THE EXCHANGE, INCLUDING COPIES OF ALL LETTERS UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED. WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE EXCHANGE, THE ADMINISTRATORS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE SCOPE OF THE EXCHANGE, INCLUDING AGREEMENT ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE

NUCLEAR ENERGY FACILITIES SUBJECT TO THE EXCHANGE, AND ON SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS AND STANDARDS TO BE EXCHANGED. THESE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS ARE INTENDED TO ASSURE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXCHANGE, PROVIDING ACCESS TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON BOTH SIDES, IS ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED UNQUOTE.

5. ITEM II-7 - SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARRANGEMENT SHALL REQUIRE EITHER PARTY TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH ITS EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS. SHOULD ANY CONFLICT ARISE BETWEEN THE TERMS OF THIS ARRANGEMENT AND THOSE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, THE PARTIES AGREE TO CONSULT BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN UNQUOTE.

6. ITEM III-1 SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE PARTIES SUPPORT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED OR EXCHANGED UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, SUBJECT BOTH TO THE NEED TO PROTECT PROPRIETARY OR OTHER CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED INFORMATION AS MAY BE EXCHANGED HEREUNDER, AND TO THE PROVISIONS OF ADDENDUM C UNQUOTE.

7. ITEM III-4-C - THE FINAL SENTENCE OF III-4-C SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE PARTIES SHALL COOPERATE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPING PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING AND OBTAINING APPROVAL FOR SUCH WIDER DISSEMINATION, AND EACH PARTY WILL GRANT SUCH APPROVAL TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY ITS NATIONAL POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND LAWS UNQUOTE.

8. ITEM III-5- WITHIN ITEM III-5, PARAGRAPH NUMBERS III-5-A AND III-5-B SHOULD BE CHANGED TO III-5-B AND III-5-C, RESPECTIVELY, AND THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE ADDED: QUOTE A. THE REASON OR REASONS FOR THE REQUIREMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY UNQUOTE.

9. ITEM III-6 - SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE OTHER CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED INFORMATION MAY BE DISSEMINATED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THAT SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 4, DISSEMINATION OF DOCUMENTARY PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. (END CHANGES.)

10. A SEPARATE LETTER IS BEING PREPARED BY AEOI, WHICH IS TO BE SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES AT THE TIME OF SIGNING

THE ARRANGEMENT. THIS LETTER SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: THIS IS TO CONFIRM AN
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION AND THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN
CONCERNING THOSE PROVISIONS IN THE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
THESE TWO PARTIES FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMA-
TION AND COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY MATTERS, SIGNED
IN -----, ON -----, DEALING WITH THE
EXCHANGE AND USE OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. THE
PARTIES RECOGNIZE THAT BOTH PARTIES RECEIVE AND HOLD
CERTAIN PROPRIETARY INFORMATION IN THE COURSE OF CARRY-
ING OUT THEIR NORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT THEY
ARE OFTEN NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCLOSE SOME OF THIS
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. THE ARRANGEMENT IS NOT
INTENDED TO REQUIRE EITHER SIDE TO DISCLOSE TO THE
OTHER ANY SUCH INFORMATION.
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ON BEHALF OF THE ATOMIC ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED
ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY
IRAN COMMISSION UNQUOTE.

11. AEOI IS TYPING SIGNATURE COPIES UNDER THE ASSUMPTION
THAT MR. JAMES R. SHEA, DIRECTOR, NRC, OFFICE OF INTER-
NATIONAL PROGRAMS, WILL BE DELEGATED TO SIGN THE ARRANGE-
MENT. WE WILL CONFIRM OR CHANGE THIS WITHIN 24 HOURS.

12. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO MAKE THE
FOLLOWING, OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR, PRESS RELEASE IN CO-
ORDINATION WITH AEOI: (BEGIN DRAFT PRESS RELEASE) UNITED
STATES AND IRAN SIGN NUCLEAR INFORMATION EXCHANGE ARRANGE-
MENT. THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND THE
ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN TODAY SIGNED AN ARRANGE-
MENT PROVIDING FOR EXCHANGE OF (1) INFORMATION PERTAINING
TO THE REGULATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR THE BENEFIT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND (2) INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR
SAFETY RESEARCH. SIGNING FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COM-
MISSION WAS MR. -----, AND FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGA-
NIZATION OF IRAN, MR. -----.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT IS TO ENABLE THESE TWO
NUCLEAR REGULATORY AGENCIES TO SHARE INFORMATION WHICH
IS IMPORTANT IN THE REGULATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY ACTIVI-
TIES IN THE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING EARLY ADVICE ABOUT
NUCLEAR SAFETY PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE IN EITHER
COUNTRY. ALSO PROVIDED FOR IS THE SHARING OF NUCLEAR
SAFETY RESEARCH INFORMATION, WHICH IS INTENDED TO REDUCE
TIME AND DUPLICATION OF EFFORT IN THIS IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR.

THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION HAS ENTERED INTO

SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WITH THE NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCIES OF
15 OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION
OF IRAN HAS NOW SIGNED SUCH SAFETY COOPERATION AGREEMENTS
WITH -----, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND COOPERATION
FOR IRAN'S GROWING PROGRAM OF CONSTRUCTION OF LIGHT
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